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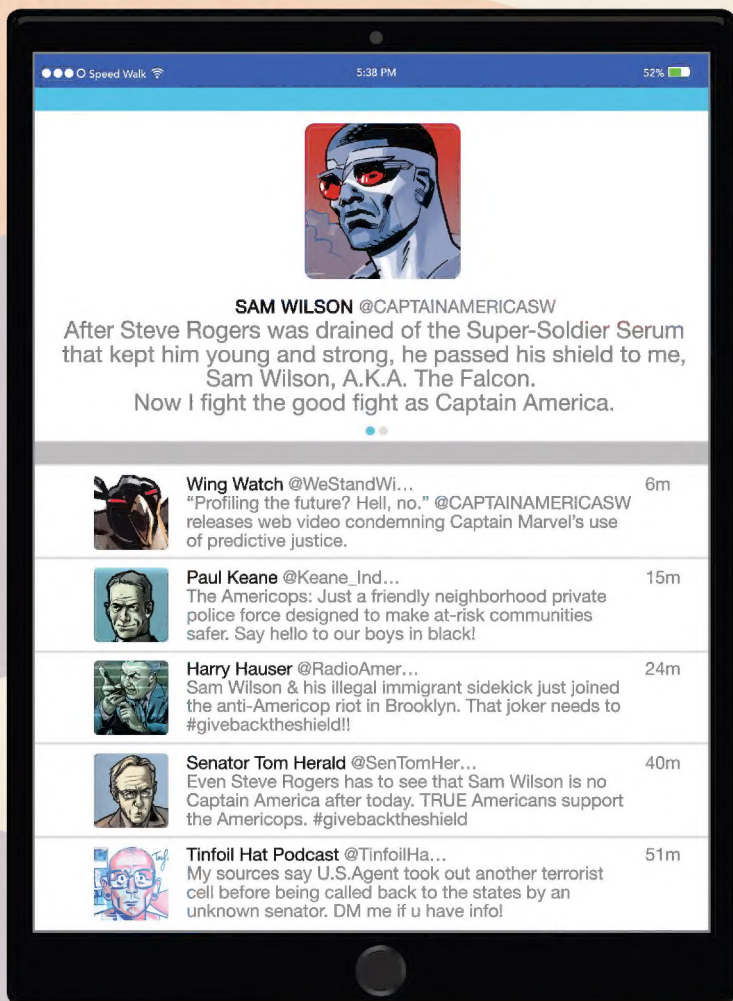
BREAKING NEWS

RAGE RIOT: EX-NEW WARRIOR SPARKS VIOLENT AMERICOPS CONFRONTATION

er super hero Civil War?... **OTHER NEWS:** Anti-Sam Wilson hashtag #givebacktheshield trends for full month.

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HARLEM.
YEARS AGO.

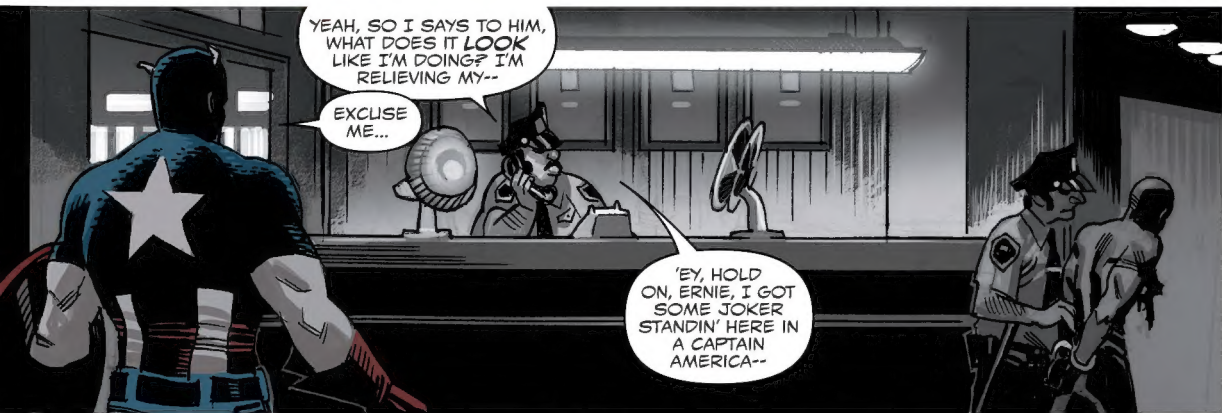


AND HE'S ALL, "WHAT THE @#! DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!"

YEAH, SO I SAYS TO HIM, WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE I'M DOING? I'M RELIEVING MY--

EXCUSE ME...

'EY, HOLD ON, ERNIE, I GOT SOME JOKER STANDIN' HERE IN A CAPTAIN AMERICA--



--COSTUME. UH...

I'M HERE TO PICK UP A FRIEND.



LIKE I WAS SAYIN', CAP-- NOT SURE WHAT THE PROBLEM WAS, WE PICKED HIM UP TRYIN' TO ROB EASTPOINT SECURITY & DEPOSIT--ONE OF YOU AVENGER GUYS GLUED HIM DOWN AND LEFT HIM FOR US, NICE AND TIDY--

--COURSE THAT'S NOT HIS STORY, BUT YOU KNOW HOW THEY ARE--

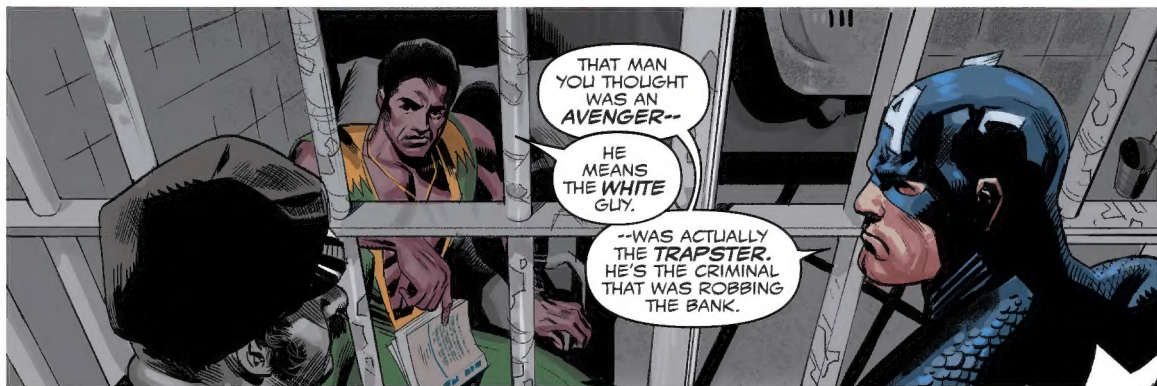


OPEN THIS CELL. NOW.

HEY, NO RUSH ON MY ACCOUNT, STEVE--



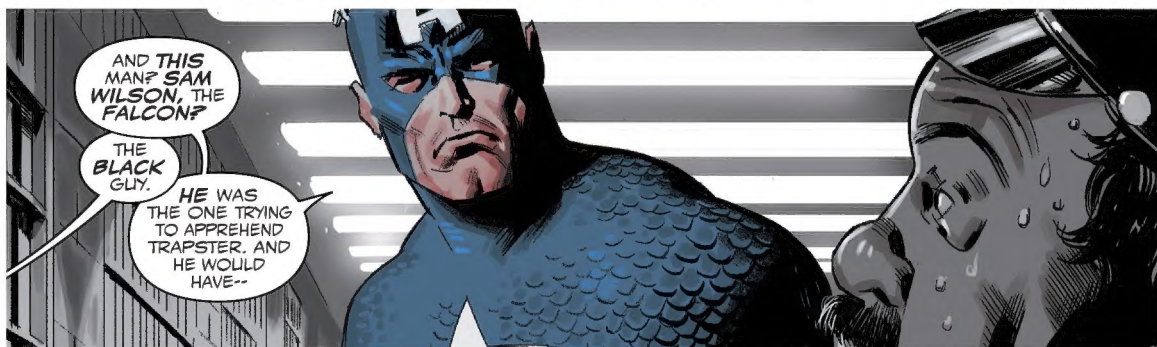
--I WAS
FINALLY GETTING
SOME **READING**
DONE.



THAT MAN
YOU THOUGHT
WAS AN
AVENGER--

HE
MEANS
THE **WHITE**
GUY.

--WAS ACTUALLY
THE **TRAPSTER**.
HE'S THE CRIMINAL
THAT WAS ROBBING
THE BANK.



AND **THIS**
MAN? **SAM**
WILSON, THE
FALCON?

THE
BLACK
GUY.

HE WAS
THE ONE TRYING
TO APPREHEND
TRAPSTER. AND
HE WOULD
HAVE--



--IF
YOU HADN'T
ARRESTED HIM
INSTEAD.



SAM,
I AM--
I AM **SO**
SORRY.

FORGET
IT, STEVE.
NOT LIKE IT'S
THE **FIRST**
TIME.

THINGS
ARE GONNA
CHANGE ONE
OF THESE
DAYS--



--LEAST THAT'S WHAT I USED TO TELL MYSELF.

CAN'T SAY THINGS FEEL MUCH DIFFERENT, THOUGH.

WE'RE STILL DIVIDED. STILL AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS--



--STILL MAKING BAD DECISIONS BASED ON FEAR AND INTOLERANCE.

CASE IN POINT--THE AMERICOPS PROGRAM. A PRIVATE POLICE FORCE WITH SOME VERY OVERZEALOUS METHODS--



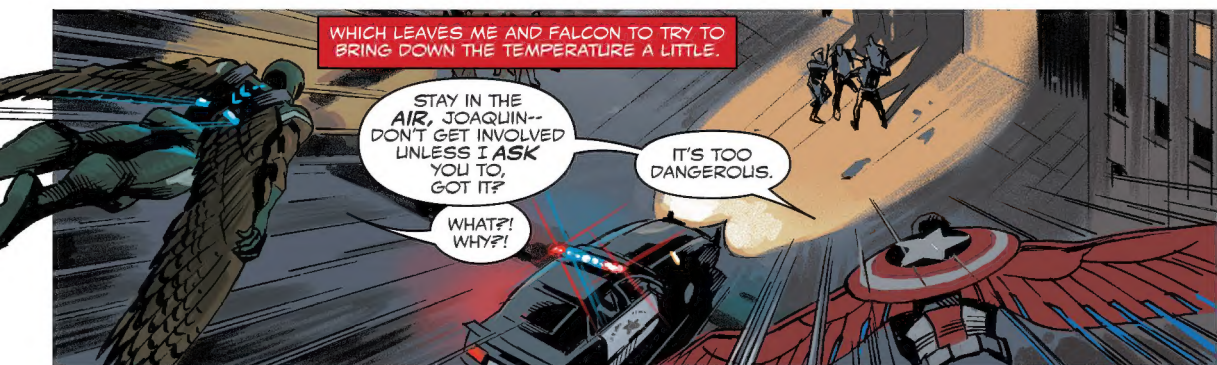
--AND A HEAP OF POLITICIANS AND OPPORTUNISTS BEHIND THEM.

FOLKS ON THE GROUND HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING ABOUT PROFILING AND BRUTALITY BY THE 'COPS--I'VE BEEN KEEPING A CLOSE EYE, GATHERING EVIDENCE, TRYING TO BUILD A CASE--



--BUT NOW A SUPER-POWERED GOLIATH BY THE NAME OF RAGE HAS DECIDED TO TAKE MATTERS INTO HIS OWN HANDS.

OR FISTS, REALLY.





--BUT I'M
SURE IT CAN
GET WORSE.

LOWER MANHATTAN.

THERE HE
IS--JOHN
WALKER,
U.S. AGENT!

OUR
FIGHTING MAN
IN THE WAR ON
TERROR.

**PAUL KEANE,
KEANE INDUSTRIES.**
IT'S AN HONOR TO
MEET YOU, JOHN. I
APPRECIATE YOU COMING
ALL THIS WAY--I KNOW
THAT'S A HELLUVA
FLIGHT.

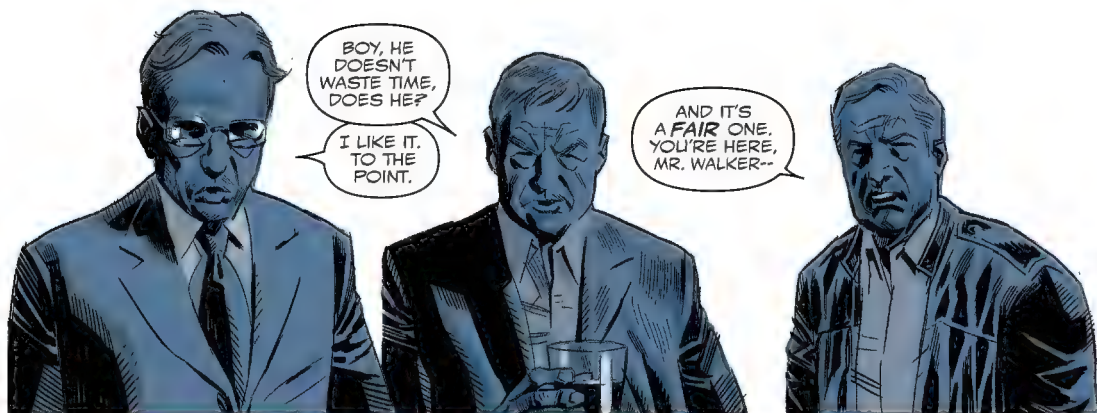
HRM. WELL, I
GOT SOME BOYS BACK
IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN
WHO NEED BODY ARMOR,
AND THEY TELL ME YOU'RE
A MAN WHO CAN WRITE
A CHECK.

AH--YES.
YES, OF COURSE.
HENRY HERE CAN
HELP YOU WITH THAT--
WE'LL MAKE SURE YOU
GET WHATEVER
YOU NEED.

BUT FOR
NOW, LET'S
GET YOU
INSIDE...

...WE'VE
GOT A
LOT TO
DISCUSS.





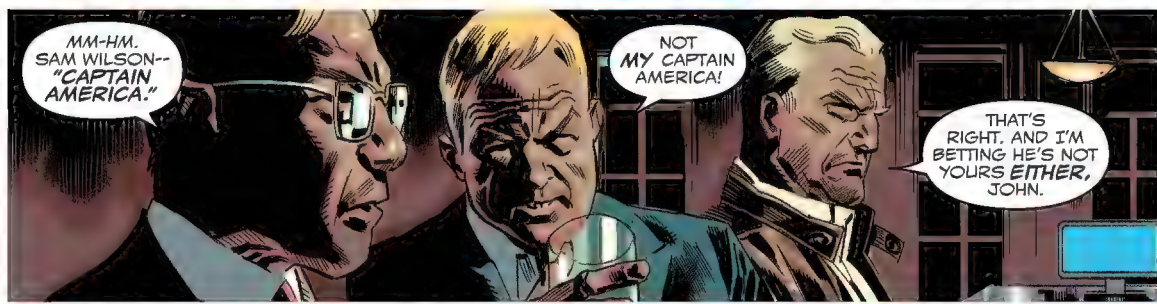
BOY, HE DOESN'T WASTE TIME, DOES HE?
I LIKE IT. TO THE POINT.

AND IT'S A FAIR ONE. YOU'RE HERE, MR. WALKER--



--BECAUSE OF THIS MAN.

SAM?



MM-HM. SAM WILSON-- "CAPTAIN AMERICA."

NOT MY CAPTAIN AMERICA!

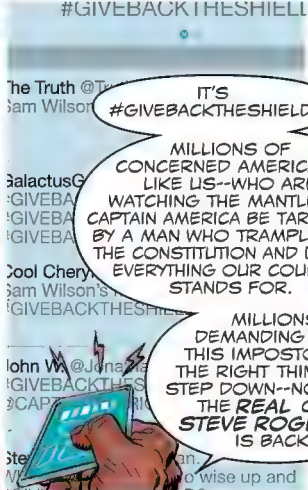
THAT'S RIGHT. AND I'M BETTING HE'S NOT YOURS EITHER, JOHN.



I DON'T FOLLOW.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE NUMBER ONE TRENDING TOPIC ON TWITTER HAS BEEN ALL MONTH?

DO I LOOK LIKE I'M ON TWITTER?



#GIVEBACKTHESHIELD

The Truth @TheTruth

Sam Wilson

GalactusG

#GIVEBA

#GIVEBA

#GIVEBA

Cool Cherry

Sam Wilson's

#GIVEBACKTHESHIELD

John W @JohnW

Sam Wilson's

#CAP

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IT'S #GIVEBACKTHESHIELD.

MILLIONS OF CONCERNED AMERICANS LIKE US--WHO ARE WATCHING THE MANTLE OF CAPTAIN AMERICA BE TARNISHED BY A MAN WHO TRAMPLES ON THE CONSTITUTION AND DEFILES EVERYTHING OUR COUNTRY STANDS FOR.

MILLIONS DEMANDING THAT THIS IMPOSTOR DO THE RIGHT THING AND STEP DOWN--NOW THAT THE REAL CAP-- STEVE ROGERS-- IS BACK.



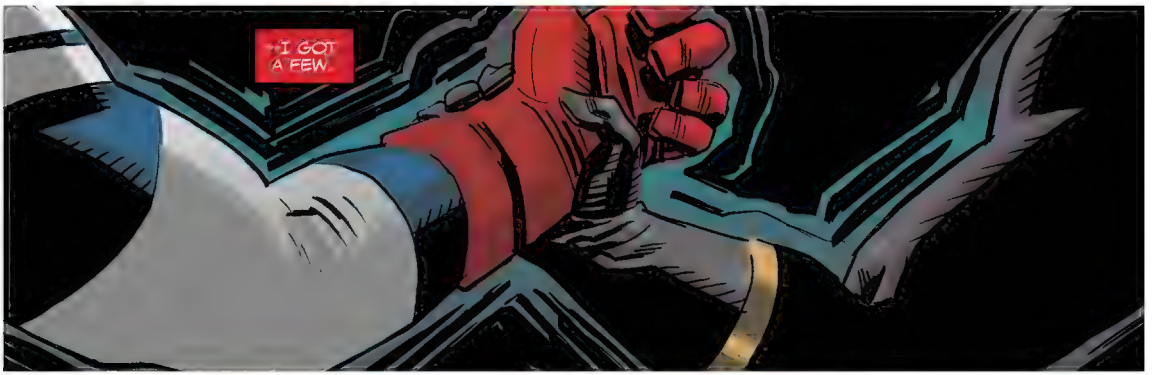
BUT HE'S NOT LISTENING. HE DOESN'T LISTEN TO ANYONE BUT HIMSELF.

AND THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, JOHN. WE'RE TIRED OF ASKING--

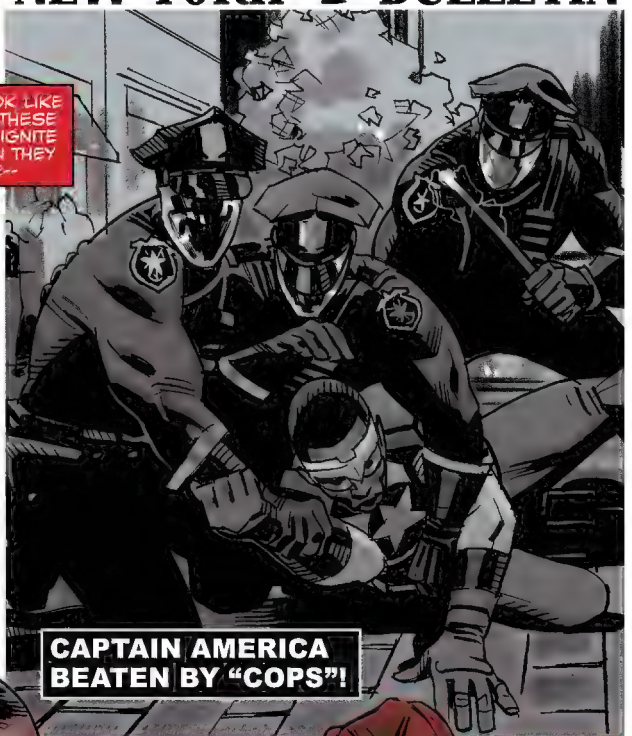


--WE WANT YOU TO TAKE BACK THE SHIELD.

YEAH, PROBLEMS--



NEW YORK BULLETIN NEW YORK BULLETIN



BUT NEITHER SIDE SEEMS
VERY INTERESTED IN THAT.



I'LL TEACH
HIM TO LAY
HANDS ON
YOU!

RAGE,
NO!

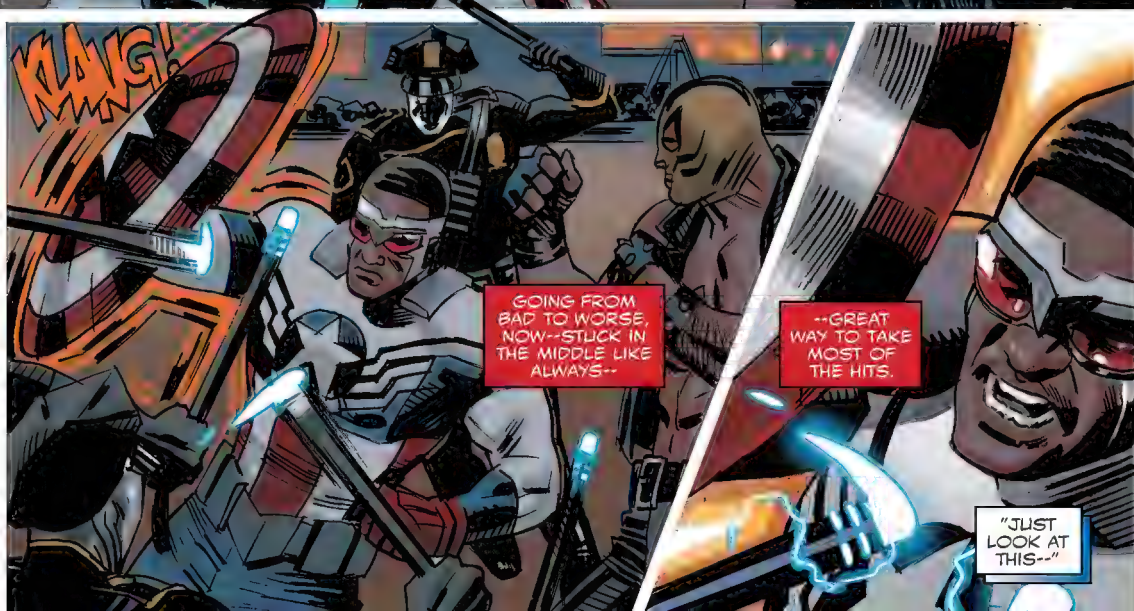


DID I NOT
JUST TELL YOU
TO STOP THIS?
THERE'RE **OTHER** WAYS
TO SETTLE THINGS--
TALK THINGS
THROUGH--

I DON'T
THINK
SO.



THEY LOOK
LIKE THEY
WANNA TALK
TO YOU?



GOING FROM
BAD TO WORSE,
NOW--STUCK IN
THE MIDDLE LIKE
ALWAYS--

--GREAT
WAY TO TAKE
MOST OF
THE HITS.

"JUST
LOOK AT
THIS--"

LOOK AT WHAT THE NEW, POLITICALLY CORRECT CAPTAIN AMERICA HAS BEEN UP TO LATELY.



ATTACKING HIS FELLOW AMERICANS FOR TRYING TO PROTECT OUR BORDERS.



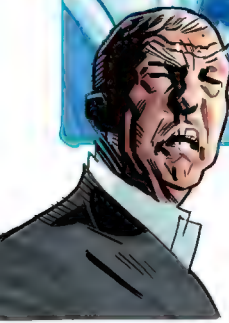
HE DOESN'T JUST SIDE WITH ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS--HE MAKES THEM HIS SIDEKICKS!



BRUTALIZING AND THREATENING OUR JOB CREATORS AND BUSINESS OWNERS.



JEOPARDIZING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY--



--EVEN SHIELDING TREASONOUS HACKERS FROM LAWFUL PROSECUTION FOR THEIR CRIMES.



AND THAT'S JUST THE START OF THINGS, JOHN.

CAPTAIN AMERICA IS SUPPOSED TO BE A SYMBOL--HE'S SUPPOSED TO BRING US TOGETHER. BUT WILSON JUST WANTS TO DIVIDE US. HE'S TORN THIS COUNTRY APART.

AND YOU KNOW WHY THAT MATTERS BETTER THAN DAMN NEAR ANYONE.



"YOU WERE CAPTAIN AMERICA FOR A TIME YOURSELF."



"AND SURE, YOU MADE SOME MISTAKES--"



"--BUT IN THE END, YOU DID THE RIGHT THING--AND GAVE THE SHIELD BACK TO THE MAN IT BELONGS TO."



AND THAT'S ALL WE WANT TO SEE HAPPEN **HERE**. WE'RE NOT TRYING TO GET HIM LOCKED UP--

EVEN IF HE SURE **DESERVES** IT.

HE CAN EVEN GO BACK TO BEING THE **FALCON**, THAT'S FINE BY US.

BUT HE CAN'T BE **CAPTAIN AMERICA**. THAT'S TOO FAR.

AND YOU'RE JUST THE MAN TO SET THIS RIGHT. A SOLDIER WHO UNDERSTANDS AND APPRECIATES REAL AMERICAN VALUES.

HE'S RIGHT. YOUR COUNTRY **NEEDS** YOU. STEVE ROGERS **NEEDS** YOU--

ARE YOU READY TO ANSWER THE CALL?





HEY, WHAT'S UP, SNAPCHAT LADIES? FALCON HERE--WAS JUST GONNA SHOW YOU A LITTLE OF THE BIG FIGHT GOING DOWN--

JOAQUIN! FALCON! COME IN--WHAT'S YOUR STATUS?!



WELL, I WAS KINDA IN THE MIDDLE OF TRYING TO IMPROVE YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE--

I NEED YOU DOWN HERE, NOW!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE TRYING TO HELICOPTER PARENT.

JUST NEED A QUICK EVAC--

YOUR WINGS BROKE?

NOT ME--



OH, GUESS I BETTER LIMBER UP.



OH MAN, THIS HEALING FACTOR BETTER COVER--HNN--HERNIAS.

WHA--?!



WHAT THE
\$@#! ARE YOU
DOING?! PUT ME
DOWN--

JUST
RELAX, BIG
GUY--I'VE BEEN
PRACTICING
THIS.

EVEN
THOUGH YOU'RE
WAY HEAVIER
THAN ANYTHING I
PRACTICED
WITH...



AND--
ALLEY-OOP!
PERFECT
SHOT.

AW,
COME
ON!



FOR THE
RECORD--
BIG FAN OF WHAT
YOU WERE
DOING BACK
THERE.



KID DID GOOD--
AND NOW THAT
RAGE IS CLEAR--

--TIME FOR ME TO MAKE
MY OWN EXIT. "CAPTAIN
AMERICA RUNS FROM
TROUBLE" MAY NOT
SOUND GOOD, BUT IT'S
THE BEST HEADLINE I'VE
STILL GOT AVAILABLE--



--THEN AGAIN, MY
OPTIONS KEEP
NARROWING

NEW
PLAN?

HOPE FOR
A LUCKY
BREAK

I'LL
PASS.

W-WHAT?

LOOK--SAM
AND I NEVER
DID SEE EYE TO EYE
ON MUCH. CAN'T SAY
I EVER CARED FOR
HIS **POLITICS**,
EITHER.

HELL, IF
IT WERE UP TO ME,
WE'D BUILD A WALL IN FRONT
OF MEXICO AND PUT A MAN
WITH AN AR-15 ON TOP OF IT
EVERY SIXTY FEET, TO KEEP
ALL THESE CRIMINALS AND
CARTEL \$@!# OUT
FOR GOOD--

--AND IF
I'M EVER IN A
ROOM WITH **RICK
JONES** AGAIN, HE'LL
BE LUCKY IF I DON'T
HANG HIM
MYSELF.

BUT THIS
AIN'T MY
FIGHT, EVEN IF A
LITTLE BIT OF ME
WISHES IT
WAS.

I DON'T
THINK HE SHOULD BE
CARRYING ON NOW THAT
STEVE'S BACK. THAT MAN
IS THE ONE **TRUE** CAPTAIN
AMERICA. AND HE DESERVES
BETTER THAN TO HAVE
SOMEONE OUT THERE
STEALING HIS THUNDER.
EVEN IF HE **DID** SAY IT
WAS ALL RIGHT--

I MEAN, HELL, WHY DON'T
YOU TALK TO HIM? **HE**
SHOULD BE THE ONE
TO TELL SAM TO GIVE
IT UP--

HE
CAN'T.

A **WHITE**
CAPTAIN AMERICA
TELLING A **BLACK**
CAPTAIN AMERICA
TO STAND DOWN?
THE LIBERAL MEDIA
WOULD GO
NUTS!

HE'S RIGHT--
STEVE ROGERS
HAS TO BE
ABOVE THE FRAY.
HE CAN'T DO
THIS.

ONLY
YOU
CAN.



LISTEN, I UNDERSTAND YOUR HESITATION--BUT YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO HOW BAD THIS CAN GET.

EVERY DAY HE PUSHES THINGS A LITTLE FARTHER. EVERY DAY YOU SEE HOW THE PRESSURE IS GETTING TO HIM.

IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL HE SNAPS--



--AND THAT'S NOT EVEN GETTING INTO THIS DEBATE AROUND THE INHUMAN THAT CAN PREVENT FUTURE TERROR ATTACKS. I'M GUESSING YOU SUPPORT CAPTAIN MARVEL--

DAMN RIGHT. TAKE THE FIGHT TO THEM.

WELL, HE'S ALREADY COME OUT HARD AGAINST IT--MAKING US ALL LESS SAFE. HE CAN'T KEEP--

E-EXCUSE ME, SIR--



ONE SECOND-- THERESE?

WHAT? NOW? BRING IT UP ON THE MONITORS!



THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED TO SEE, JOHN--

BREAKING NEWS TONIGHT OUT OF NEW YORK--SAM WILSON, CAPTAIN AMERICA, IS LOCKED IN A BRUTAL FIGHT WITH A SQUADRON OF-- GET THIS-- AMERICOPS!

BREAKING NEWS



TEAMING UP WITH THE MILITANT VIGILANTE KNOWN AS RAGE, THE TWO APPEAR TO HAVE ATTACKED THE AMERICOPS AS THEY WERE CONDUCTING A "CLEAN STREETS" PATROL IN BROOKLYN.

NO WORD ON FATALITIES, BUT THE OFFICERS' INJURIES APPEAR SEVERE.

LIKE I SAID...



...IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME.

THINGS DEFINITELY LOOKING A LITTLE TENSE HERE--

I'LL ADMIT I'M
OPEN TO
SUGGESTIONS.



ENERGY NET'S
GOT ME
TRAPPED**

--AND THESE
GUYS LOOK PRETTY
EAGER TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE



START THINKING I
MIGHT JUST HAVE TO
HUNKER DOWN AND
ACCEPT THE LOSS
HERE, BUT THEN I
REMEMBER--



--I DO STILL
HAVE SOME
FRIENDS OUT
THERE.

LOT
OF THEM
ACTUALLY





AND, THING IS, THEY'RE A PROTECTIVE BUNCH--



GREAT AT BUILDING NESTS FOR THOSE THEY'RE LOOKING OUT FOR--



--BIG NESTS.



CRUNCH

CRUNCH

GIVES ME TIME I NEED--

CRUNCH

CRUNCH

CRUNCH



--AND A WIN I'LL SETTLE FOR.



FLY FAST
AND FREE--



--GET THE HELL OUT OF
THIS MESS. REGROUP
AND TAKE IT FROM
ANOTHER ANGLE. MOST
OF ALL--

--TRY TO AVOID
ANY MORE
SURPRISES.



JUST NOT THE
KIND OF DAY FOR
A PLAN, I GUESS.



LEAVE
IT--



THAT
SHIELD
DON'T BELONG
TO YOU
ANYMORE.

**TO BE
CONTINUED...**

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